

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] In a design that differs from that, compensating pieces 6' in the exemplary embodiment shown in Figures 5 and 6 are connected by ring sections 9 and ~~bending~~ flexure joints 10 to form a single-piece component (Figure 6) that extends around the entire circumference of connecting collar 5.